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TOPIC <u>Combined Units Practicing in the Klausdorf-Sperenberg-Fern-Neuendorf Area</u>	
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Between 28 and 31 July 1954, a major exercise involving infantry, tanks, engineers and mortars was held in the Klausdorf-Sperenberg-Fern-Neuendorf area. The exercise included a simulated attack from this area toward east and northeast, during which elements with tanks crossed Krummen See (lake) from south to north on a ferry of four N2P-type pontoons. The ferry landed near point 46.8. Two 160-mm mortars were emplaced toward the northeast between Schwarzer Luch and Fauler Luch. Many infantry men with individual T-34/85 *inf single* tanks advanced in extended order from the Sperenberg area toward Neuendorfer Heath. During the night on 30 July, the troops fired with blank cartridges. On 31 July, the exercise terminated with a bugle call. The units assembled on Bars Lake.

Klausdorf residents stated that the exercise started there on 26 July and that the participating units arrived from the direction of Mellensee (lake).

Comment. (Compare this information with that in another report on a major exercise in the Klausdorf-Sperenberg-Neuhof-Stuelpe area between about 23 July and 1 August. )

For location of the area see Map of Germany, scale 1:25,000, sheet 3846. Almost all of the motor vehicle and tank turret

belong to the 6th Gds Tank Div and army troops of the Third Gds Mech Army. The exercises are believed to be identical. There are, however, several indications that, between 20 and 22 July, motorcycle riflemen units with sidecar motorcycles and tanks were transferred to the Wuensdorf area from various places of the zone. They left Wuensdorf on 31 July, Wuensdorf was called command headquarters. It is possible that these elements, along with the abovementioned units of the Third Gds Mech Army, conducted a combined-arms exercise in the area west of Wuensdorf.

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